

SEASONS

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Your Source for Sports & Recreation Activities in Leesburg

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Challenger British
Soccer Camp

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WELCOME TO LEESBURG



Lovell
As Mayor of Leesburg, I want to welcome you to a unique and different small, Southern city. Nowhere will you find a city the size of Leesburg with the kind of recreational facilities and administration that we have. I have traveled throughout the nation and I have yet to find facilities that match those at Susan Street, Sleepy Hollow or Pat Thomas Field. Add to this the wonderful Florida climate, beautiful parks and lakes plus a city that invests heavily in its recreation programs with a wonderful professional staff and you have the key to why Leesburg stands out as a premier location for state and national tournaments. Hopefully, you and your family will enjoy the many recreational opportunities in our community.

**Bob Lovell,
Mayor of Leesburg**

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SPORTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Registration Policy

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the program is filled, or until the program deadline date, whichever comes first. Thereafter, registration may be accepted on a space available basis only.

Proof of residency/age and PAYS (Parents Alliance for Youth Sports) certification is required. Each time you register for a sport or activity, you must provide a copy of your utility bill or other proof of your Leesburg address.

You must provide a copy of each child's birth certificate if this is their first time participating in Leesburg's recreation program/activity, as well as proof of certification of PAYS.

Late Registration Policy

If space is available, registration may be accepted after the deadline date for some programs. Register early to avoid being left out.

HOW TO REGISTER

Walk In

Registration is accepted from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at our office, which is located at 318 S. 2nd St. We accept Visa/Mastercard, cash, money order or check — payable to City of Leesburg (there is a \$25 return check fee).

Mail In

Complete a registration form available at our office by printing clearly in blue ink. Please include a check (no cash please) or money order made payable to "City of Leesburg". Also include proof of residency/age and PAYS certification. Mail to City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department, 318 S. 2nd St., Leesburg, FL 34748.

NOTE: It is the policy of the City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department that once you register for a program, you don't receive confirmation of that registration, except for your canceled check or your computer transaction receipt provided upon registration. It is the responsibility of the participant to show up for the class/activity on time and on the correct start date.

Here's the pitch ...



C.D. McGONIGAL Staff Photographer
H&M Mowers pitcher Kevin Teaf eyes the plate and prepares to deliver a pitch against Henry Mitchem in a Cal Ripken League baseball game Wednesday, April 19, at the Susan Street Sports Complex in Leesburg. Results from the Leesburg Recreation and Parks leagues can be found every Monday in our weekly recreation page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fourth of July Celebration

The carnival will begin at 11 a.m. at Venetian Gardens. It will kick off a fun-filled day with food vendors and Caricatures by Gene Crippler. There will be free musical entertainment, and Venetian Gardens Pool will be open. There also will be face painting, a Treasure Island, a water ski show, a Florida Collegiate Summer Baseball League Game at Pat Thomas Stadium, ice cream and a fireworks display in the evening presented by Dragon Works.

Dabney Water Show

Everyone is invited to attend this fun family event Friday, Aug. 4. We will have swimming contests, with chances to win prizes or gift certificates from local businesses. Some of your favorite lifeguards are up for a challenge, so do you have what it takes to outswim, outsprint or outtread the lifeguards and become the ultimate survivor, or, in your case, the winner of some fantastic prizes?

Join us for barbecue and pizza. Vendors also will be on the site selling popcorn, snow cones and drinks. Bring your children to jump on inflatable structures, climb a wall, play some games or enjoy an old-fashioned swim with the family. Musical entertainment will be provided.

Halloween Parents Night Out

This is a night for parents to get some "free" time. Bring the children to the Community Building at 109 East Dixie Ave. for a fun-filled event from 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. There will be arts and crafts, games and movies and dinner will be served. The fee is \$7 per child.



YOUTH SPORTS

START SMART SOCCER

Ages: Boys and Girls 3-5
Age Eligibility Date: Aug. 1, 2006
Location: Sleepy Hollow
Registration: July 3-29
Fee: \$15
Non-Resident: \$30

This program prepares children and parents for organized soccer in a fun environment. Class is limited to 12 participants each session. Session “A” will be held Monday nights, and session “B” will be from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

JUNIOR SOCCER

Ages: Boys and Girls 7-9
Age Eligibility Date: Aug. 1, 2006
Location: Sleepy Hollow
Uniform Needed: Plastic Cleats
Games: Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Aug. 8
Registration: July 3-29
Fee: \$25
Non-Resident: \$40

This leagues is the next step in our soccer program and will involve boys and girls in games on a modified field. The field is reduced to keep everyone involved. Players will have a chance to improve the skills learned in Pee Wee and begin to learn how to play the game as a team.

PEE WEE SOCCER

Ages: Boys and Girls 5-6
Age Eligibility Date: Aug. 1, 2006
Location: TBD
Uniform Needed: Plastic Cleats
Games & Practice: 5:30 or 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays
Registration: July 3-29
Fee: \$15
Non-Resident: \$30

This program will teach boys and girls the basics of playing soccer. Competition is NOT emphasized. Players will learn the basics of passing, shooting and dribbling. Players will play on small-sided teams to ensure everyone is part of the game. You can choose between either league; the Monday-Wednesday League or the Tuesday-Thursday League.



MAY-AUGUST CALENDAR

May

- School will end for Summer Break
- Beginning of Open Swim
- Swimming Lessons Begin
- Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading registration begins
- Registration for 32nd Sun Rec Softball Tournament begins
- Basic Water Rescue Classes begins
- Water Safety Instructor Classes begins
- Co-Ed Softball Manager’s Meeting
- Step up to Health in Leesburg
- Registration for Summer Camp ongoing
- Registration for British Soccer Camp ongoing
- Lifeguard Training classes ongoing
- Prep Basketball registration ends
- T-Ball registration ends

June

- Pools open
- Swimming Lessons ongoing
- Summer Day Camp begins
- Thirty-second Sun Rec Softball tournament begins

July

- Fourth of July at Venetian Gardens
- Pools will be open
- Swimming lessons ongoing
- Summer Day Camp ongoing

August

- School begins for fall session

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

The City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department provides a variety of services for the following: the Mote-Morris House, Sports, Parks, Special Events / Programs, Community Garden, Venetian Gardens Pool, H.O. Dabney Pool and the Leesburg Historical Museum.

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ON THE INTERNET

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The City of Leesburg’s Web site is: <http://leesweb3:79/index.asp>

CAMPS

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Ages: Boys and Girls 6-12
Age Eligibility Date: June 5, 2006
Location: Roger's Park
Dates: June 5 - Aug. 4
Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Registration: Begins March 13
Fee: \$30 per week (doesn't include field trips)
Non-Resident: \$15 (additional one-time fee)

This camp is action- and adventure-oriented. Participants will enjoy sports, games, arts and crafts, cookouts, swimming and much, much more. Campers will have to opportunity to join us on field trips, like Sea World, Disney Quest, Pirate's Dinner Adventure, De Leon Springs and Wild Waters that will take place weekly during the summer. No spots are held, you choose how many and which week(s) you wish to attend. Enrollment is limited to 100 children per week.

CHALLENGER BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

Ages: Boys and Girls 5-16
Age Eligibility Date: As of July 10, 2006
Location: Sleepy Hollow
Uniform Needed: Plastic cleats, shin guards, sun block, water
Dates: July 10-14
Hours: 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls 5-9; 5-8 p.m. for ages 10-16
Registration: Through June 23
Fee: \$90
Non-Resident: \$105

Challenger's British Soccer Camp is the largest youth soccer camp in the United States. "The Challenger Way" focuses on challenging players to improve with maximum participation, maximum touches on the ball and maximum fun. There won't be any line drills or any long speeches. There will be plenty of encouragement.

This year we will offer a mini-camp for ages 4-5 that will run from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$84 (non-utility user add \$15). Each camper will receive a hand-stitched soccer ball, a British Soccer Camp T-shirt and a skills evaluation.

Register at the Recreation and Parks Department or online at www.challengersports.com.

A family discount (\$5 off second child, \$10 off third child, etc. is available). Each of the coaches holds a national coaching license from Great Britain and is trained for the British Soccer camp program.

Families and players also can host a coach. Make this experience more special for your children by hosting one of your professional British coaches during your week of camp.



YOUTH SPORTS

PREP BASKETBALL

Ages: 13-15
Age Eligibility Date: July 31, 2006
Location: Various Gyms in Leesburg
Uniform Needed: Sneakers / Shorts
Games: Mondays and Wednesdays
Registration: April 17-May 12
Fee: \$20
Non-Resident: \$35

This program will teach the fundamentals of basketball, including passing, dribbling and shooting. The season will start the week of June 5. Jerseys will be provided, and trophies will be presented at the end of the year. This program is for boys and girls of all abilities.

Volunteer coaches are needed.



T-BALL

Ages: Boys and Girls 5-6
Age Eligibility Date: Players must be 5 and no older than 6 by April 30
Location: Sleepy Hollow
Uniform Needed: Softball Glove / Plastic Cleats
Games & Practice: Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.
Registration: April 17-May 19
Fee: \$15
Non-Resident: \$30

This league is designed to teach boys and girls the basics of baseball and softball, include throwing, fielding and hitting. Players learn to hit by swinging at a stationary ball on a tee. Everyone plays in scrimmage games and has the opportunity to hit the ball each inning. Competition is not emphasized.

POP WARNER CHEERLEADING

Ages: 5-15
Practice Location: Susan Street Complex
Game Location: Sleepy Hollow Complex
Games: Saturdays
Open Registration: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 6
Returning Registration: 7-9 p.m., May 5
Fee: \$60
Non-Resident: N/A

The City of Leesburg and the Leesburg Junior Jackets have joined forces to form one of the best organizations in Pop Warner. Cheerleaders are taught the basics and given extra attention to fun as they learn dance routines. The coaches involved are very dedicated and knowledgeable.

FAST-PITCH FALL BALL

Ages: 6-16
Age Eligibility Date: Jan. 1, 2006
Location: Sleepy Hollow Softball Fields
Uniform Needed: Softball Glove / Plastic Cleats
Placement: 6 p.m., Sept. 7 and 12
Games: Saturday, Tuesday, or Thursday
Registration: July 24 -Aug 25
Fee: \$25
Non-Resident: \$40

Teams may travel to other cities for games. Practice will begin the week of Sept. 11. Games will begin the week of Oct. 2. As an affiliate of Babe Ruth League, Inc., we are dedicated to building a premier softball program. Age divisions offered are 8-, 10-, 12- and 16-and-under. Our goals are education, skill development, participation for players at all levels of athletic ability and making sure the participants have fun. Participants also have the opportunity to play in tournaments on a local and district level.



POP WARNER TACKLE FOOTBALL

Ages: 5-15
Practice Location: Susan Street Complex
Game Location: Sleepy Hollow Complex
Uniform Needed: Plastic Cleats / Mouthpiece
Placement: According to age and weight
Games: Saturdays
Open Registration: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 6
Registration: Community Building
Returning Registration: 7-9 p.m., May 5
Fee: \$60
Non-Resident: N/A

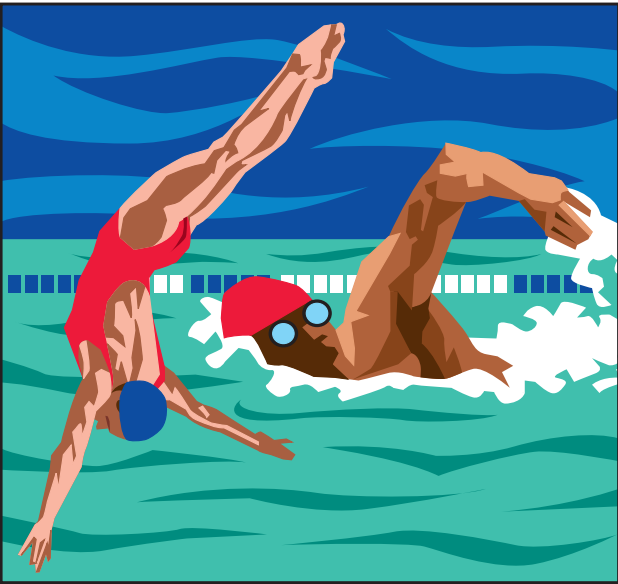
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AQUATICS

AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Ages: 15 and Older	Session	Days	Dates	Time	Registration Ends
Age Eligibility Date: By the start of course	2	Monday-Friday	May 8-12	2:30-8:30 p.m.	April 28
Location: Venetian Gardens Pool	3	Monday-Friday	June 12-16	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	June 2
Uniform Needed: Swimsuit, goggles and sunblock	4	Monday-Friday	July 10-14	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	July 8
Placement: Pre-test (20 Laps in the pool)	This 27-hour course offers American Red Cross certification in lifeguard, first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer training.				
Registration: See Session Schedule					
Fee: \$85					
Non-Resident: \$100					



AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD MANAGEMENT

Ages: 17 and Older	Session	Days	Dates	Time	Registration Ends
Location: Venetian Gardens Pool	3	Thursday	May 18	3-7 p.m.	May 6
Fee: \$25	4	Friday	May 19	3-7 p.m.	May 6
Non-Resident: \$40	Participants must hold a lifeguard training certificate. This six-hour course is designed to provide lifeguards with career development training, including injury prevention, selection and training of lifeguards and team building, interaction with patrons and emergency-response training.				

AMERICAN RED CROSS BASIC WATER RESCUE

Ages: All ages	Session	Days	Dates	Time	Registration Ends
Location: Venetian Gardens Pool	1	Sunday	May 21	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	May 17
Uniform Needed: Swimsuit and sunblock	2	Sunday	June 18	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	June 15
Placement: NA	3	Sunday	July 16	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	July 12
Registration Ends: Wednesday before class	4	Sunday	Aug. 20	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Aug. 16
Session: See Schedule	5	Sunday	Sept. 17	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Sept. 13
Fee: \$25	6	Sunday	Oct. 15	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Oct. 10
Non-Resident: \$40					

The course will provide information that will help people become safer and healthier in, on and around the water. Course time is approximately five hours. The majority of this course is held in a classroom. This course meets HRS requirements for foster parents with a pool at their residence.

This course is also good for youth who have completed Level V of the Learn to Swim program and wish to continue their training. There is a required in-water training portion to this course, so be prepared with swim-suits, towels and sunblock.

POOLS

VENETIAN GARDENS
(THROUGH MAY 28 — NO SUNDAY SCHEDULE)

Programs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Swim Team	5-7:00 a.m.		5-7:00 a.m.		5-7:00 a.m.	7:30-9a.m.
Water						
Aerobics	11:15 a.m.-Noon		11:15 a.m.-Noon		11:15 a.m.-Noon	
Adult						
Lap Swim	Noon-2 p.m. (Monday through Friday)					10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Swim Team	5-7 p.m. (Monday through Friday)					
Open Swim						1-4 p.m.
Water Aerobics	7-8 p.m.					
Scuba Classes		7-8 p.m.		7-8 p.m. (upon availability)		

VENETIAN GARDENS
(MAY 29 - SEPT. 4 — SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT BOTTOM)

Programs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Swim Team	6:30-8:30 a.m.		6:30-8:30 a.m.		6:30-8:30 a.m.	7:30-9 a.m.
Swim Lessons		8:30-11:45 a.m. (Monday-Friday)				
Water						
Aerobics	11:15 a.m.-Noon		11:15 a.m.-Noon		11:15 a.m.-Noon	
Adult						
Lap Swim		Noon-2 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Open Swim		2-5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				1-4 p.m.
Swim Team		5-7 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				
Swim Lessons		5:15-8 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				
Water Aerobics	7-8 p.m.					
Scuba Classes		7-8 p.m.	7-8 p.m. (upon availability)			

Sunday Open Swim (1-4 p.m.)

H.O. DABNEY
(MAY 6-28)

The pool will have open swim hours from 1-6 p.m. Saturdays through May 28. The schedule will change starting May 29. See times below:

(MAY 29 - SEPT. 4 — SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT BOTTOM)

Programs	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Swim						
Lessons		8:30-11:45 a.m. (Monday-Friday)				
Open Swim		2-5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				1-6 p.m.
Swim						
Lessons		5:15-8 p.m. (Monday-Friday)				
Sunday		Open Swim (1-6 p.m.)				

AQUATICS

AMERICAN RED CROSS
JUNIOR LIFEGUARDING

Ages:	11-14
Age Eligibility Date:	Before start of Class
Location:	Venetian Gardens Pool
Uniform Needed:	Swimsuit
Class Dates	TBA
Fee:	\$25
Non-Resident:	\$40

This educational program provides a foundation of aquatic and leadership knowledge, attitudes and skills preparing them participants for completion of the Red Cross lifeguard training course.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY
INSTRUCTOR

Ages:	16 and Older
Age Eligibility Date:	By the start of course
Location:	Venetian Gardens Pool
Uniform:	Swim Suit, Goggles, Sunblock
Placement:	Pre-test (20 Laps in the pool)
Session:	May 2-June 1
Time:	6-10 p.m.
Registration Ends:	April 15
Fee:	\$100
Non-resident:	\$115

This 45-hour course is designed to certify participants in instruction of water safety and swimming courses. Participants also will receive their instructor candidate certification in the first part of the course. Enrollment is limited. A minimum of eight participants is required for the class. Books are included.

AQUACISING

Ages:	16 and Older
Location:	Venetian Gardens Pool
Uniform Needed:	Swimsuit
Fee:	\$2.75 / Day or \$25 / Month

This is a year-round program meets from 11:15 a.m. - noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 7-7:45 p.m. Mondays. Work at your own pace and enjoy the water and music participating in a cardiovascular, low-impact workout designed to trim and tone. This program was designed under the guidelines of the Chicago Heart Association for a proper aerobic workout. It has been known to reduce the pain and stiffness of arthritis, help keep cholesterol and blood sugars down and improve balance and brain function. Participants don't need to know how to swim. The activity is performed in chest deep water.

For more information, contact Phyllis at 343-8305.

AQUATICS (continued)

VENETIAN GARDENS SWIM LESSONS

Ages: 6 Months and Older Age Eligibility Date: By the start of Class Location: Venetian Gardens Pool Uniform Needed: Swimsuit and sunblock Time: Various Morning & Evening Classes Fee: Varied Non-Resident: \$15 plus Class Fee	Session	Placement Date	Time	Dates	Registration Ends
	1	May 27	9 a.m.	June 5-16	Open until filled
	2	June 10	9 a.m.	June 19-29	Open until filled
	3	June 24	9 a.m.	July 3-14	Open until filled
	4	July 8	9 a.m.	July 17-28	Open until filled

H.O. DABNEY SWIM LESSONS

Ages: 6 Months and Older Age Eligibility Date: By the start of Class Location: Venetian Gardens Pool Uniform Needed: Swimsuit and sunblock Time: Various Morning & Evening Classes Fee: Varied Non-Resident: \$15 plus Class Fee	Lesson Signup Schedule				
	Session	Placement Date	Time	Dates	Registration Ends
	1	May 27	11 a.m.	June 5-16	Open until filled
	2	June 10	11 a.m.	June 19-29	Open until filled
	3	June 24	11 a.m.	July 3-14	Open until filled
	Lesson Times				
	Time	H.O. Dabney		Venetian Gardens	
	A	8:30-9:15 a.m.		8:30-9:15 a.m.	
	B	9:30-10:15 a.m.		9:15-10 a.m.	
	C	10:30-11:15 a.m.		11-11:45 a.m.	
	D	5:15-6 p.m.		5:15-6 p.m.	
	E	6:15-7 p.m.		6:15-7 p.m.	
	F	7:15-8 p.m.		7:15-8 p.m.	

Swim Lessons

Swimming Class	Days	Per Class	Class Age	Minutes Per Class	Class Fees	Non-Resident Fee
Adult Lessons	Monday-Friday for two weeks	6	16 & Older	45 minutes	\$25	\$40
Youth Lessons	Monday-Friday for two weeks	6	3 & Up	45 minutes	\$25	\$40
Infant Lessons	Monday-Friday for two weeks	6	6 months-3 years	30 minutes	\$20	\$35
Private Lessons	Monday-Friday for two weeks	1	All	30 minutes	\$50	\$65

AMERICAN RED CROSS
LEARN-TO-SWIM LESSONS

All courses are taught by authorized American Red Cross Instructors. If your child has never had swim lessons and you don't want them placed, you can register them for lessons after the placement date at the recreation office at 318 S. 2nd St.

Registration is taken at the pool where you will be taking the lessons. Participants are asked to come to registration in a swimsuit for the purpose of testing so you will be placed in the proper instructional class.

Adult swim lessons will be offered for beginners and those looking to improve their strokes. These classes will run depending on demand. Registration is required prior to start of each session and is on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be present to register your child.

Each swim level is designed to help people learn to be safe in, on or around water. The instruction also covers skills and knowledge in a logical progression for aquatic skill development.

IPAP — Infant and Preschool Aquatics Program: This program is designed to help young children (6 months-4 years) to become comfortable in and around the water so they are ready to learn how to swim.

Level I — Water Exploration: The objective is to help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely. Elementary aquatic skill such as floating, kicking and putting their face in the water will be taught.

Level II — Primary Skills: Students learn to float without support and to recover to a vertical position. This level also marks the beginning of true locomotion skills, using arms and legs and adds to the self-help and basic rescue skills begun in Level I. Participant must have passed Level I to sign up for this class.

Level III — Stroke Readiness: Students learn to coordinate front and back crawl. Elementary backstroke and fundamentals of treading water introduced.

Level IV — Stroke Development: Students will

develop their backstroke and front crawl. We will introduce the elementary backstroke, breaststroke and show participants how to change directions on the wall.

Level V — Stroke Refinement: Students will develop their backstroke, front crawl, elementary backstroke and breaststroke. We will introduce the butterfly kick, open turn on front, open turn on back.

Level VI — Lifeguard Readiness, Diving, Fitness Swimming or Basic Water Rescue: Lifeguard Readiness instructs participants on introductory life-guarding skills, swimming endurance and stroke refinement.

Diving instructs the participants on how to dive and to build endurance while swimming.

Fitness Swimming instructs participants how to exercise in the water with different swimming apparatuses how to building endurance while swimming.

Basic Water Rescue teaches the participants basic water rescues.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

AQUATICS (continued)

USS PIRANHA SWIM TEAM

Ages:	5 and Older
Age Eligibility Date:	Before Start of Program
Location:	Venetian Gardens Pool
Uniform Needed:	Swimsuit
Placement:	5-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday
Games:	Meets are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the state
Fee:	\$35-50 / month (based on skill level)

Skill Level	Time	Days
I	5-6 p.m.	M, W, F, & S
II	5-6 p.m.	T, TH, F & S
III	5:30-7 p.m.	M-S
Speed	5-7 p.m.	M - S
Elite	5-7 p.m.	M - S

Friday practices are from 5-6 p.m. for everyone
Saturday practices are 7:30-9 a.m. for all team members

Leesburg’s competitive swim program is different from most “racing” teams. The program is based on teaching effective skills, teamwork, positive mental attitudes and a variety of competitive opportunities. It is a combined USA Swimming (youth-college) and United States Masters Swimming (adult) program. Coach Tye has coached hundreds of Junior Olympic swimmers, national champions from age group to college, numerous high school state champions and All-Americans and more than a dozen Olympians. He also has participated in aquatics at all levels — from being a college national champion to adult fitness racer.

For more information, contact the City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department at (352) 728-9885 for details.

LAP SWIMMING

Ages: 16 and Older

Location: Venetian Gardens Pool

Uniform Needed: Swimsuit

Fee: \$1 / Day or \$15 / Month

This is year-round program runs from noon-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. This swim and stay fit program provides swim time for adults and teens. Participants can enjoy lap swim from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 4.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR AIDE

Ages: 15 and Older

Age Eligibility Date: By the start of course

Location: Venetian Gardens Pool

Uniform Needed: Swimsuit, goggles and sunblock

Session: June 1-3

Time: 9 a.m.-Noon

Registration Ends: May 27

Fee: \$20

Non-Resident: \$35

This course provides training for individuals who wish to assist water safety instructors in American Red Cross swimming and water safety courses.



LIBRARY

QUICK SHOTS FOR MAY-JUNE

Youth Programs

Most Youth Programs are on recess in May as the staff prepares for Summer Reading, “Take a Bite Out of Books.” Registration for the program begins May 15.

Read from June 1 to 14 to win. Kids can register to win prizes by keeping track of their reading hours all summer. Twenty-hour readers get a glow-in-the-dark treasure case (complete with treasures). Kids who read 20 hours or more will be entered into a drawing for pop-up books.

If you guess the number of hours all kids read and you could win tickets to Medieval Times or the Florida Aquarium.

Get a “quick start” during the first week of June and win a ticket to the Leesburg Recreation Department’s swimming pool.

June 1-30 — Join the first Leesburg Reading Challenge. Adults can keep track of their reading hours and report them to the library to earn a colorful bumper sticker to show kids that reading matters.

Watch us reach our goal of 1,000 hours of adult reading in June.

Stop by the library to pick up your “time tracker.”

Wednesday “Big Events” — All library “Big Events” programs start at 10 a.m. at the Leesburg Community Building, 109 East Dixie Ave. next to Venetian Gardens.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department at 728-9790.

June 7 — Learn fire safety with the Lake County Fire Safety House. Visit the Big Blue Bus for early literacy activities. These events will be held in the Community Building Parking lot. No reservations needed.

June 14 — Lyndell the Magician offers amazing magic and hilarious comedy. The activity will be held in the Community Building.

June 21 — John Storms will show off live snakes, reptiles and crawly creatures in the Community Building.

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TAKE A BITE OUT OF BOOKS

We’re challenging all of Leesburg to read this summer at the Leesburg Public Library.

The program will run from June 1-14. Every book you read offers appetizing samples of new places, new worlds and new ideas. You will receive prizes and awards for one, five, 10, 15 and 20 hours of reading.

Super Shark readers who read more than 20 hours will be entered for chances to win amazing, award-winning pop-up books that you can see at the library. You will win entries in the prize drawing for every 5 additional hours that you read.

Get a quick start. Read five hours during the first week of Summer Reading and you will receive a free pass to the city of Leesburg swimming pool. Look for additional reading challenges throughout the summer.

Every hour of books read will earn a bean in a jar in the Youth Department. Come to the library often to see how the beans increase, and to check out great books and films on your library card.

Guess the exact number of hours read this summer and you could win a prize for your family.

We’ll announce the winner at the final Wednesday event on July 19, when we’ll celebrate reading with cake and Native American culture with the Talako Indian Dancers.

You must be present at the program to win one of these grand prizes.

Come to programs

■ Sample programs start June 6. Check the events calendar for times, location and attraction

■ Every Wednesday starting June 14 is a “Big Event” at the Leesburg Community Building, next to Venetian Gardens

■ 10 a.m. every Friday is a feature film

■ 10 a.m. every Tuesday will feature a visitor to the library



The PAWS Therapy Dogs.

■ We’ll have films, anime, karaoke and pizza just for teens Monday evenings in June and July.

■ Toddler story times continue through the summer.

Check your calendar for programs, dates and locations.

■ Day cares have a special offer. Sign up children in your care for reading this summer. Count story time hours (yours or ours that you attend), or encourage older children to read silently. Report all the hours read and your kids will get individual prizes.

If your facility logs 80 hours of reading for the summer, you will receive a sack of books to add to your center’s library.

■ We’re also issuing a Reading Challenge in June for kids and adults. Readers should report their reading hours to the library, where there will be adult “time trackers” in the youth department and at the circulation desk.

Adults who participate will get a Leesburg Public Library bumper sticker.

Let’s see who can read more — kids or adults — from June 1-30. Make this an “at-home” competition and show your kids how important reading is to you.

LIBRARY

June 28 — Liang Acrobatic and Comedy Show will offer a program on Chinese culture through acrobatics, dance and comedy for all ages in the Community Building.

July 5 — Avian Reconditioning Center is a program to allow participants to meet beautiful birds of prey and learn about saving them in the wild. This activity will be held in the Community Building.

July 12 — Fortuity Duo/ Musical Time Machine: Find out how people partied before compact disc players or karaoke machines. Learn a Medieval line dance. This activity will be held in the Community Building.

July 19 — Talako Indian Dancers: Dancers celebrate their Native American heritage with colorful ceremonial dances. The audience gets to dance, too. This activity will be held in the Community Building.

Summer Reading prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of this program.

At the Library, 204 N. 5th St. in the Activity Room. Limited-space programs, so you must register in advance:

10 a.m., June 4 — Storytelling champ Jeremy Evans will share tales of the Wide Mouth Frog, the Three Pigs (with kazoo) and more. School age and above.

4:30 p.m., June 8 — Society for Creative Anachronism presents “Life in the Middle Ages,” including a live combat demonstration.

10 a.m., June 9 — Let’s Go Fly a Kite: Barbara Hall, the Kite Lady, will show kids how to make kites and take a walk to Fountain Park to fly their creations.

June 13, 27 and July 11 — PAWS Therapy Dogs: Patient canines listen to children read. Great for readers who need practice. Count this program toward your reading hours.



June 20 — Swamptime Boogie offers music, dancing and jumping for fun. This is great exercise with the creatures from the coolest swamp.

Toddler Programs

**Thursday, June 8, 22, 29
and Thursday, July 6**

Join us for songs, simple games and songs. Attend at least four sessions to win prizes and to get a certificate.

10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 15 and July 13 — Kindermusik will return with music and rhythm for the youngest set. The class size is limited to 15, and registration is required.

10 a.m., Thursday, June 22 and July 13 — The Big Blue Bus will be parked at the library with early reading support and crafts.

Friday at the Movies

10 a.m., June 16 to July 14 — We can’t tell you the titles, but these will be great new release movies. We’ll have a movie day contest at the end of each movie, so stay until the end.

Just for Teens Ages 12 to 18

4 p.m., June 19 and July 17— Join your friends for blockbuster fantasy movies with refreshments.

4 p.m., June 26 — Teen Anime Club offers a chance to watch Japanese animated films and then discuss them.

4 p.m., July 10 — Leesburg Idol Karaoke Contest: Try your favorite karaoke compact discs on the library’s karaoke machine. Bring your friends to cheer for you, especially when we award prizes.

ON THE INTERNET

Visit us on the web at: www.eteams.com/LRD
The City of Leesburg’s Web site is: <http://leesweb3:79/index.asp>

RECREATION AND PARKS FACILITIES									
Facility	Total Acres	Pavilions	Picnic Tables	Water Taps	Barbecue Grills	Playgrounds	Restrooms	Special Features	Pavilion Rental Fee
Berry Park 2121 Johns Ave.	35	X	X	X	X	X	X	Walking path, water fountain, covered picnic pavilion	\$16.05 child birthday \$32.10 (all other)
Corrine Williams Park 2141 Woodland Blvd.	1.5					X		Youth Playground 1/2 basketball court	
Fountain Lake Park 600 W. Meadow St.	35					X		Walking trail, water fountain, covered picnic areas, toddler park	
H.O. Dabney Recreation Complex 1080 Beecher St.	2		X				X	Swimming pool, bathhouse, two full-size water basketball courts, two enclosed slides, picnic area	
Herlong Park 700 E. North Blvd.	2.5	X	X	X	X			Picnic area, historical train, public pier, boat ramp to Lake Griffin	
Jessie L. Holliman Park 1016 Tuskegee St.	0.5					X		Youth playground	
John L. Johnson Park 205 Mills St.	2					X		Colorful youth playground equipment, two basketball courts	
Lake William & Lane Mary Park	21							Two lakes, walking park	
Leesburg Community Building 109 E. Dixie St.	NA						X	Banquet, reception and meeting facilities	Call 728-9898
Leesburg Cultural Arts Building	NA						X	Meeting facilities	Call 728-9898
Leesburg Historic Museum 111 S. 6th St.	NA							Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Call 315-1800
Magnolia Trail parallel with Magnolia St. between Palmetto St. and the Mote-Morris House	NA							For walkers and bikers, lined with benches and outdoors exercise equipment (7/10 of a mile)	
Mote-Morris House 1195 W. Magnolia Ave.	2							Gazebo and fantastic landscaping (rental available for weddings, public meetings, receptions), parking, free public tours	Call 728-9898
Palmetto Street Complex 310 S. Palmetto St.	2		X				X	Four tennis courts, Twenty-four shuffleboard courts	
Rogers Park 610 S. 9th St.	1.5	X	X	X	X	X	X	Enclosed pavilion (rental), covered picnic area, playground	\$16.05 child birthday, \$32.10 (all other)
Singletary Park 1902 S. 14th St.	1.5							Public pier, boat ramp to Lake Harris	
Sleepy Hollow Recreation Complex 2775 Hollow Lane	80	X	X	X	X	X	X	Four adults softball fields, Two Babe Ruth fields, Two girls fast-pitch softball fields, two soccer/football fields, concession stand, covered pavilion (rental), toddler playground	\$32.10 (utility users) \$48.15 (non-user)
Susan Street Recreation Complex 940 Susan St.	57		X	X	X		X	Tennis courts, outdoor raquetball courts, ball fields, picnic area	
Venetian Cove Marina 250 Ball Park Rd.	NA		X		X		X	Boat slips, dry storage, ramps, access to Lake Harris	Call 728-0907
Venetian Gardens 201 E. Dixie Ave.	45	X	X	X	X		X	Gazebo (rental available for weddings), regulation size pool with bathhouse, seven islands with fantastic landscaping, Ski Beach, parking, Pat Thomas Stadium	\$32.10 (utility users) \$48.15 (non-user)

MAGNOLIA TRAIL

The City of Leesburg has made a commitment to improving our city and region by providing recreational trails to resident and visitors.

With the decline of rail transportation, large tracts of valuable land resources previously unavailable have become accessible. Like so many other communities across the country, we have begun to reclaim these underutilized corridors for public use.

Magnolia Trail was completed in October 2003 and runs from the Mote-Morris House to the Police Department along an abandoned rail corridor through the heart of Leesburg's Historic District.

In February 2004, the city began the development of the Leesburg Trails Master Plan. After a series of public meetings the master plan was developed and adopted by the city commission in October 2004.

Next to be completed will be Venetian Trail. This trail will run for 1/2 mile alongside Canal Street through downtown Leesburg.

The city is poised to develop a significant trail network within the city and to become a center in the network of trails in the Central Florida region.

The Leesburg Trails Network has the potential to beautify the city, to strengthen community connections and to bring residents together through outdoor activity.

The trails network will be an important asset in the continuing growth and prosperity of Leesburg.

MOTE-MORRIS HOUSE

The Mote-Morris House, which has been designated in the National Historic Register, is located at 1195 West Magnolia St. in Leesburg.

It is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for free tours the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Groups can also arrange for tours during the week.

For more information about tours, call the Leesburg Heritage Museum at 315-1800 or 435-9424.

The house also is available for weddings and special events.

For more information on special events, call 728-9898.

Keeping his eye on the ball



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Henry Mitchem's Samuel McCook swings at a pitch against H&M Mowers in a Cal Ripken League baseball game Wednesday, April 19, at the Susan Street Sports Complex in Leesburg. Results from the Leesburg Recreation and Parks leagues can be found every Monday in The Daily Commercial's weekly recreation page.

LEESBURG TRAILS STUDY

The City of Leesburg has completed the selection of trail corridors and preliminary trail concepts for four trails identified by the Leesburg Trails Master Plan. The four trails are the Leesburg-Wildwood Trail, the Fountain Lake Trail, the Gardenia Trail and Tav-Lee Trail Phase II.

Trail Head locations and concept plans are also complete.

These concepts were developed based on a wide range of criteria, including social, economic and environmental impacts. After public review and comment, final concept plans will be developed and the trails will be ready to move into the next phase of design.

You are invited to a public workshop from 4:30-7:30 June 6 at the Leesburg Community Building on 109 East Dixie Ave.

The purpose of this workshop is to present the

locations and preliminary concept plans for trails and trail heads and ask for feedback.

The workshop will be conducted in an open house format (you may come and go any time between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.). There will be a brief presentation at 6 p.m.

Maps, drawings and other study information will be on display at the workshop. Study representatives will be available during the workshop to discuss the study and answer questions.

Your input is very important to successfully developing these trails for our community.

To learn more about this study or to share your thoughts and ideas, contact David Graeber at (407) 971-8850 or by fax at (407) 971-8955. You can e-mail him at: dgraeber@inwoodinc.com.

After evaluation of alternatives, a preferred alternative will be selected in July.

LEESBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN

As part of our continuing efforts to expand and improve our services, the Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department has prepared a Community Garden site on a piece of city property just west of Herlong Park on State Road 441.

This site contains 24 full size plots (20 feet x 20 feet) and 12 half-size plots (10 x 20) that are available for free use.

To ensure the site is maintained, a refundable security deposit is required. The cost is \$20 for full-size plots and \$10 for half-size plots.

Although we have received much interest on our garden, some spaces are still available.

For more information, visit our office at 318 S. 2nd St. Classes on how to grow and how to harvest crops are planned for Saturdays. Those dates will be announced.

LEESBURG’S HISTORICAL RAIL SYSTEM

From the 1850s, when Leesburg was a promising landing site for steamboat traffic, developers sought ways to connect the city’s diverse commercial, historical and rural areas.

Over the following decades, as railroads evolved into the transportation of choice, Leesburg owed its impressive expansion to the convergence of several major rail lines within its borders.

Leesburg’s rich history as a railroad town has made it the ideal focus site of Lake County’s master development plan to transform the abandoned rail system into a network of trails that connect local neighborhoods, commerce centers, recreational areas, schools and other points of interest.

In October 2003, the city completed its first rail-to-trail conversion using a corridor running south of Main Street to the center of downtown. Rails that had gone unused for years became a crucial guideline for the ongoing development of the many multi-use trails offering easy access to prominent destination sites, as well as wonderful places to walk, jog, bike, picnic, canoe and enjoy equestrian and other sports.

The 20 miles of converted rail-to-trail lines in Lake County function as thoroughways to help ease commuter traffic congestion, stimulate the local economy and provide safer, more enjoyable recreational spaces.

The City of Leesburg’s plan also serves as a blueprint for other cities and townships nationwide, as they search for uses for the discarded sections of their railway systems.

LEESBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Leesburg Historical Museum offers an opportunity to examine Leesburg’s rich history.

Leesburg is Lake County’s oldest city. The first pioneers arrived in 1843, and the first permanent settlers came in 1857. The Lakefront City was incorporated July 12, 1875, by a vote of 23-2.

Leesburg has been known as the Watermelon Capitol and the Bass Capitol, in addition to being a leading citrus producer.

The museum, which is located on 111 S. Sixth St., is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and by appointment) Monday through Friday. It also is home to the Leesburg Heritage Society.

Visit the museum to enjoy Leesburg’s past through the museum’s artifacts, exhibits, postcards, documents and manuscripts, photographs and newspapers.

For more information, call (352) 435-9424.



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INSTRUCTIONAL

TENNIS

Location: Palmetto Street

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For more information about classes and fees, call 217-2793.

PAYS

Location: Recreation and Parks Dept.
Fee: \$7

All parents of children in our sports programs are required to watch the PAYS (Parents Alliance for Youth Sports) video.
Call 728-9895 if you need to schedule a time.

MOMMY AND ME

Ages: 2 to 4, with a parent/caregiver
Location: Recreation & Parks
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Fee: \$30

This unique program is the first developmental step toward preschool and/or nursery school.
Each session will present interesting crafts, play-based learning, movement activities and songs.
Discounts for additional children are available.
Call the Recreation and Parks Department for the next class.

VENETIAN COVE MARINA

The Venetian Cove Marina, located at 250 Ball Park Road behind Pat Thomas Stadium by the boat ramp off Dixie Avenue on Lake Harris, is a full-service marina that offers gasoline and oil sales, boat repairs, snacks and ice, a wash and clean service and pressure cleaning for boats.

Dry storage is \$4.50 per foot, per month.
Wet slip is \$4 per foot, per month, plus electric.

A two-month security deposit is required.
Trailer storage is \$20 per month.

The marina is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. It accepts Visa, Mastercard and Discover.

For reservations and information, call (352) 728-0901 or fax (352) 728-1883.

BATON TWIRLING AND POM POM

Ages: Entering Kindergarten - 18
Age Eligibility Date: Before Start of Course
Location: Cultural Arts and Surrounding Buildings
Uniform Needed: Baton
Registration: Aug. 1 - Sept. 30
Registration Fee: \$30
Fee: \$35 a month

The award winning “Superstars of Central Florida” will hold classes on Tuesday evenings. Classes start the first week of September.

The Superstar Baton Twirlers of Central Florida are in their 16th year. The students range in age from 5 to 18 years old and come from many area schools. The group has won numerous awards in local parades and national titles.

Most recently, the girls competed in the Twirlmania event at Walt Disney World and placed in the top three in the nation in indoor twirling and parade competition.

The Superstars are proud to provide a fun and safe learning environment and to provide students with plenty of opportunities to showcase what they have learned.

The recreation program marches in at least four local parades and performs at all the annual trophy presentations and recitals.

The competition teams perform in all of these events, as well as traveling around the state for competitions.

Free-agent list is available for single players.

Twirling and performing has helped build self esteem and confidence in our students.

Along with baton twirling skills, the girls also learn marching and basic dance skills. Many of the students go on to join the high school color guard and majorettes.

The program begins in September and ends in May. Summer camps are also offered.

The Superstar Twirlers are instructed by Cheri Stoffel and assisted by the Leesburg High School Majorettes.

For more information, contact Cheri Stoffel at 360-0580.



BEGINNING DOG OBEDIENCE

Dogs Ages: 6 Months Old
Days: Thursdays
Time: 7-8:15 p.m.
Required Equipment: Choke collar, a minimum 4-foot leash and a copy of current shot record
Fee: \$35.00
Non-Resident: \$15 plus Course Fee

Breed or size is no barrier in dog obedience training. The instructor will determine the minimum age of the handler. No money will be refunded unless requested prior to the end of the class during the second week, unless exigent circumstances exist.

Children and other family members are welcome to observe, but they must not distract the class.

Each class teaches the handler and dogs a new task. It is important to miss as few sessions as possible. Basic tasks will include sit, down, heel, sit-stay, recall and finish. Advanced tasks such as jumping and off-lead work may be introduced if time and competency of dogs allow it.

For optimal learning, working with the dog between classes is necessary.

Everyone enrolled in the class is invited to participate in the graduation exercise, but only those attending at least half of the training sessions will be considered when awarding graduation prizes.

AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR TRAINING

Ages: Any
Location: Venetian Gardens Pool or Recreation Center
Uniform needed: Swimsuit
Class Dates TBA
Fee: \$30-\$60
Non-Resident: \$15 plus Course Fee

American Red Cross CPR, CPRP, first aid, & AED classes / challenges / reviews range from \$30-\$60. Classes are scheduled on demand. To schedule a class, contact Sharon Jacoby at 728-9885.

SCUBA DIVING

Ages: 11 and Older
Location: Venetian Gardens Pool
Fee: \$175

Program Description: (P.A.D.I. Certification) Jim Calvin of Underwater Adventures is the instructor.

The classroom portion of the course will be taught at Underwater Adventures.

The in-water portion of the course will be held at Venetian Gardens Pool.

Open-water dives are usually held at Alexander Springs.

All equipment is provided including mask, fins and snorkel. There is an extra fee for the test.

For registration information, contact Jim Calvin at 787-0760.

ADULT LEAGUE

ADULT GOLF LEAGUE

Ages: At least 16, unless accompanied by an adult
Location: Arlington Ridge Golf Course
Tee off time: Between 4:30-6 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning May 9
Registration: July 3-29
Team Fee: \$30

This will consist of three six-week sessions. Each four-member team will play nine holes in a scramble format. The team fee is due prior to registration. Team names are encouraged. Postseason awards and banquet will be held after each session. An effort will be made to accommodate singles. Each session will be played at a different course, so call to find out which course is on tap for that day. Free-agent list is available for single players.

CO-ED SOFTBALL

Ages: 16 and Older
Location: Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Uniform Needed: Yes
Games: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Registration: TBA
Fee: \$100 sponsor / \$20 player fee

This program is for men and women to participate in amateur 11" and 12" slow pitch softball. There will be an manager's meeting at 6 p.m. May 22 in the Recreation Department. Free agent list is available for single players.

32nd SUN REC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Ages: 16 and Older
Location: Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Games: Saturday, June 3
Registration: May 1-30
Fee: \$125 team fee

This is an open men's softball tournament put on each year for (not limited to) local men's softball teams. Teams will compete in pool play to start. The top teams will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine the champions. A home run champion award also will be presented. The tournament is open to the first 20 teams that fill out a roster and pay the entry fee.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Location: Palmetto Street
Days: Tuesdays and Fridays
Time: Noon- 3 p.m.

The shuffleboard schedule will change for the summer beginning May 1 and will run through Oct. 1. The new times will be from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jerry Schultz at 787-3817.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

STEP UP TO HEALTH LEESBURG

Ages: All
Location: Different Locations
Registration: Through May 1
Fee: \$10 - \$35

Step up to Health is geared toward learning information on how to become more physically active, enjoying time off from work, learning new technology free activities and enjoying the fresh air.
Option 1 — The cost will be \$35, which will include all our Saturday activities in the month of May, blood screening (glucose, cholesterol, etc.) and a free trial pass to all of the activities the Recreation Department offers.
Option 2 — The cost will be \$20, which will include all our Saturday activities in the month of May and a free trial pass to tennis, aquacising and Tang Soo Do Karate.
Option 3 — Sign up for each individual Saturday event, except Arbor Day, Earth Day, Step up to Health Day (free) for \$10 per event.

CANOEING

Ages: All
Location: Flat Island and Okahumpka Property
Uniform Needed: Clothes to get wet and Canoe
Date: May 6
Time: 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
Registration: Through May 1
Fee: \$10 or included in the program fee

We will paddle from Flat Island to the Oakahumpka Property. We will start by learning about Flat Island and its ecological surrounding. Then we will paddle to the Oakahumpka Property and learn about its history and ecological surroundings. The canoes fit two to a boat. Boats are limited, and registration will be based on a first-come, first-served basis, unless you have your own canoe.

HISTORICAL SCAVENGER HUNT BIKE RIDE

Ages: All
Location: Mote-Morris House
Uniform Needed: Bring your Bicycle
Date: May 20
Time: 10 a.m.
Registration: Through May 1
Fee: \$10 or included in the program fee

Bring your bike and travel along our five-mile Leesburg historical route. Each stop will include information about a historical property. Each property will have a question that will need to be answered. The person/group who gets the most answers correct will win a prize.

WALK A HOUND, LOSE A POUND

Ages: All
Location: Fountain Lake Park
Uniform Needed: Walking Gear and Leash
Date: May 13
Time: 10 a.m.
Registration: Through May 1
Fee: \$10 or included in the program fee

Bring your cute dog to this walking event. This opportunity allows animal lovers to spend time with their pets, to walk and to socialize with people and other dogs.

5-KILOMETER WALK

Ages: All
Location: Venetian Gardens
Uniform needed: Walking Clothes
Date: May 20
Time: 10 a.m.
Registration: Through May 1
Fee: \$10 or included in the program fee

We will take a 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) walk in the Palmore Park area. We will meet in the Triangle on 9th Street and enjoy walking along canopy roads and our beautiful Lake Harris. This is a non-competitive walk in a slow-traffic neighborhood.

PARK RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling the City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department at (352) 728-9885. You then have seven days to come to the office, fill out the paperwork and pay the fee to lock in your reservation. If you don't, the reservation will be dropped. Locations are available for reservations seven days a week, unless a city event is going on. Fees vary depending on location and type of event. Reservations are taken for holidays, as long as the city has no scheduled events at that location. Some events may have to go through a special event application process, for example special requests for additional garbage receptacles, locations for tents, barricades, police security, etc. Call 352-728-9760 for more information.
NOTE: The Recreation and Parks Department doesn't provide chairs, tables, tents, garbage receptacles, or port-a-pottys for any rental events in our parks.

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